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Amendments to the Specification:

Immediately after the title, and before the first sentence of the first paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

-- This is a U.S.C. 371 of Application PCT/DE99/00175 filed on January 15, 1999, and claims priority to German applications No. 198 02174.7 filed on January 19, 1998, and 198 34 932.7 filed on July 28, 1998. --